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Sir:

Prior to calculating the fees pursuant to the entry into the National Phase of the above-identified Application, please amend the Specification and Claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at Page 2, Lines 23-26, with the following

--According to a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a recombinant protein that exhibits significant sequence homology with the tick-derived protease inhibitor protein (TdPI) sequence given in Figure 1 (SEQ.ID. NO:2), an active fragment of said protein or a functional equivalent of said protein.--

Please replace the paragraph at Page 3 Lines 7-14, with the following

--Included in this aspect of the invention there is provided a protein comprising the sequence

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